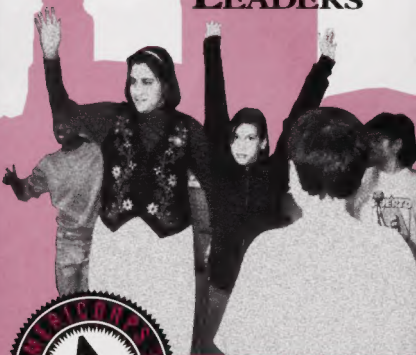


# EDUCATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

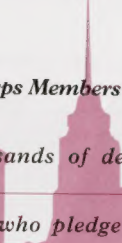


**THE ASPIRA/AMERICORPS  
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM IS  
COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE EDUCATION,**

**LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY OF**

**PUERTO RICAN AND OTHER LATINO YOUTH BY BROADENING THE RANGE  
OF SCHOOL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS, AND BY  
PROMOTING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND SERVICE INITIATIVES.**

**THE ASPIRA/AMERICORPS PROGRAM IS AN ELEVEN MONTH, SCHOOL-  
BASED SERVICE PROGRAM WHICH TRAINS AND PLACES CORPSMEMBERS  
TO WORK IN URBAN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS WITH HIGH LATINO POPU-  
LATIONS. CORPSMEMBERS PROVIDE IN-CLASS TEACHER ASSISTANCE, IN-  
DIVIDUAL AND GROUP TUTORING, AND AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH  
AND THEIR PARENTS.**



**A**meriCorps Members are part  
of the thousands of dedicated  
individuals who pledge a year  
of their life to improving the  
education, environment, health and  
safety of Americans. ASPIRA/  
AmeriCorps seeks individuals who  
have the energy and commitment to  
support the ASPIRA mission:  
to educate and empower  
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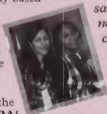
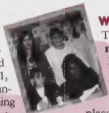
# ASPIRA / AMERICORPS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

## What is ASPIRA?

The **ASPIRA Association, Inc.** is a national nonprofit organization devoted to serving Puerto Rican and other Latino youth. Founded in 1961, **ASPIRA** takes its name from the Spanish verb *aspirar*, "to aspire to something greater." **ASPIRA** brings together students, parents, schools and community members through a variety of programs focusing on academic enrichment, college preparation, and leadership development.

## What is AmeriCorps?

**AmeriCorps** is President Clinton's national service initiative that seeks to provide Americans with an educational award in exchange for community-based service. **AmeriCorps** is about "getting things done<sup>SM</sup>", strengthening communities, and developing Americans into committed and responsible individuals. The **AmeriCorps** National Service Network supports a wide range of service programs throughout the United States, including **ASPIRA/AmeriCorps**.



## What is ASPIRA/AmeriCorps?

The **ASPIRA/AmeriCorps Community Service Program**, established in 1994 as part of the **AmeriCorps** National Service Network, is an 11-month school-based service program which trains and places corps members to work in predominantly Hispanic urban middle and high schools. The program operates in three cities: Bridgeport, CT; Newark, NJ; and Philadelphia, PA.

*"I finally understand what AmeriCorps is all about and why it can work. It works because it is people within the community helping other people within the same community. This program is no longer a job for me. It has become a way of life."*

## The program has three main objectives:

- 1) Increase the academic success and leadership development of Latino youth and their families
- 2) Promote community volunteerism and partnerships
- 3) Increase the training, skills and educational opportunity of corps members

Corps members service activities include in-class teacher assistance, individual and group tutoring, and development and facilitation of after-school and evening enrichments activities. In addition to their school-based service, members develop partnerships with other local community-based organizations, and organize students, parents and other community members to initiate large-scale community activities and service projects.

*"I can go on and on about the many different things we have done, but it all boils down to 'what does this all mean?' It means making a positive difference for the future of America, of New Jersey, of Newark, and especially for our young people."*

—Olga Montero

**ASPIRA/AmeriCorps Member**

In exchange for their 11-month commitment to serving our nation's communities **ASPIRA/AmeriCorps Members** receive:

- A modest living allowance of \$175 per week: **ASPIRA/AmeriCorps** will provide health care and child care, if needed. National and local training will also be provided to assist the members in their service.
- An education award worth \$4,725 to help pay for college, graduate school, vocational schools or payment of student loans.

**If you are interested in joining  
ASPIRA/AmeriCorps,  
please call one of  
the following offices for  
additional information  
and an application:**

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(203) 336-5762

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(201) 484-7554

**ASPIRA of Pennsylvania**  
(215) 923-2717

*For more information about AmeriCorps  
and other AmeriCorps service  
opportunities, please call:*

**1-800-94-ACORPS  
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